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Description of proposal: Removal of Middle Waterway site from Washington DNR's Aquatic Reserve Designation process

Proponent: Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Aquatic Resources Division

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The Middle Waterway site is located within Commencement Bay and adjacent to the Puyallup River delta and between the Thea Foss and St. Paul Waterways, That portion of the harbor area fronting and abutting Blocks 29, 30 and 31 of the Amended Supplemental Plat of Tacoma Tide Lands, Sheet 4, approved by the Board of State Land Commissioners October 7, 1902, described as follows: That portion of the harbor area bounded by the inner and outer harbor lines, the easterly line of City (Thea Foss) Waterway and the westerly line of Middle Waterway.

Lead agency: Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Aquatic Resources Division

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21c.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[X] This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 30 days from November 6, 2003. Comments must be submitted by December 8, 2003.

Please submit comments by e-mail to <u>SEPACenter@wadnr.gov</u>, or by mail to: Washington Department of Natural Resources SEPA Center, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015.

Notice of Public Meeting:

Meeting date: November 18, 2003

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Place:** Anna Wheelock Library

Address: 3722 North 26 Street, Tacoma, WA 98407

Responsible official: Loren Stern

Position/Title: Aquatic Resources Division Manager Phone: 360-902-1240

Address: WADNR, Aquatic Resources Division, P.O. Box 47027, Olympia, WA 98504-7027

Date:	Signature:
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There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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